India's unsuccessful bid to host Asian Games 2014

3965. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India unsuccessfully tried to host Asian Games in New Delhi in 2014; and

(b) if so, the reasons for failure?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would appear from the outcome that the presentation made by the Republic of Korea carried more weight with the Electoral College than the Indian presentation partly because the RoK delegation said they would be showcasing all of Asia at Incheon, and not just RoK alone, and because they argued that such Games are awarded to cities not countries and Delhi had earlier been the venue of two Asian Games, in 1951 and 1982 respectively, whereas Incheon had not earlier hosted the Games. As the ballot was secret and no explanation of vote was required either before or after the vote, it is not possible to categorically state the reasons for which the vote was lost but it is to be noted that the Chairman of the Olympic Council for Asia announced that the vote was decided by "a narrow margin".

Poor performance of Indian cricket team

3966. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the causes for the utter poor performance of our Indian cricket team during the recent world cup series;

(b) the persons who are responsible for this disastrous defeat;

(c) the corrective measures taken in this regard; and

(d) whether they would be effective and adequate?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which is the recognized National Sports Federation for this sports discipline, has informed Government that it is of the view that the Indian